(ख) और (ग) भारतीय खाद्य निगम इस समय निम्नलिखित केन्द्रों में 2,00,150 मीटरी टन की भंडारण क्षमता का निर्माण कर रहा है —

(मीटरी टन में)

क्र० सं०	केन्द्र	क्षमता
1	कोसीकला	34,830
2	गोंडा	30,000
3	बाराबंकी	30,000
4	रोजा	30,000
5	बुलन्दशहर	26,680
6	बरेली	20,000
7	प्रतापपुर	19,580
8	मुरादाबाद	5,000
9	मथुरा	2,240
10	वाराणसी	1,820
		2,00,150

उत्तर प्रदेश के आवासों के लिये विश्व बैंक द्वारा सहायता

3871. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय :** क्या **शहरी विकास** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि पिछले दो वर्षों के दौरान आवास कार्यक्रमों को क्रियान्वित करने के लिये उत्तर प्रदेश राज्य को विश्व बैंक से कितनी धनराशि की सहायता प्राप्त हुई है और इस धनराशि से निर्मित आवासों का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

शहरी विकास मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री दलबीर सिंह) : उत्तर प्रदेश में नितान्त रूप से तथा विशेषतया आवास कार्यक्रमों की परियोजनाओं के लिये विश्व बैंक की कोई सहायता नहीं दी गई है।

Mini Steel Plants in Gujarat

3872. SHRI SAGAR RAYKA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government have recently received any proposal to set up Mini Steel Plants in Gujaart; and

(b) if so, by when such plants are proposed to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI M L. FOTEDAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Increase in prices of essential commodities

2873 SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state what were the increase in prices of the main essential commodities per quarter during the last two years with details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H K.L. BHAGAT):

The information is given in the statement at Annexure. [*See* Appendix CXLIV Annexure No 164]

Use of Handia by Adivasis

3874. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that 'Handia' (Rice Liquor) is widely used by the Adivasis of Orissa, Bihar, Bengal and Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether it is a fact that All India Coordinated Research Programme on Ethnology (AICRPE) has been conducting research on the life, culture, customs, traditions, knowledge, health, nutrition, basic needs and espirations of the tribal people since 1980;

(c) if so what is the nutritive value of Handia as drink/liquid food as per AICRPE findings;

(d) whether it is also a fact that in spite of Government's numerous efforts to uplift the Adivasis, they are not yet at par with other communities in the country; and

(e) if the reply to part (d) above be in the affirmative, what remedial measure Government have taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (e) The detailed information has been called for from the concerned agencies and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Exploitation of Female Labourers in Orissa and Bihar

3875 KUMARI SHSHILA TIRIA:
SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI.

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Govenrment's attention has been drawn to a news item published in the Oriya Daily "Prajantantra" dated 18th September, 1987 to the effect that young female labourers especially advasis were being raped and exploited by the Iron|Manganese ore transport contractors in mines area of Orissa and Bihar;

(b) if so, whether any enquiry has been made in this regard if so, what is the result thereof and

(c) what action has been taken by Government to protect these female labourers?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir On a representation, received earlier to the publication of the news item, from the United Minerals Workers Union, Chakradharpur, distt. Singhbhum, Bihar regarding exploitation of female tribal workers engaged in iron ore loading in certain parts of Bihar, Oirssa, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh, an enquiry was made by an officer of the Ministry of Labour. One of the allegations made in the representation was regarding sexual exploitation of tribal female workers by contractors. During enquiry the workers generally felt that there was some sexual harassment of the women by contractors However, no specific case was brought to the notice of enquiry officer. The State Govts. of Bihar and Orissa have been suitably addressed in the matter

Price of Copper

3876 SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI RAM CHANDRA VIKAL:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the price of copper is being proposed to be reduced, if so, what would be its impact on the economies and working of the Hindustan Copper Limited; and

(b) whether the import duty of copper is being reduced; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) and (b) The price of copper is decided every month by a Committee based on international prices of metal, freight, insurance, import duty, etc. The matter relating to a suitable pricing policy for copper is under consideraion of the Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices (BICP). The impact on economic viability of the Hindustan Copper Limited (HCL) would be known when any change is made in the level of duties or prices.